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Brine and Oil Spill in Divide County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of a spill involving brine and oil at a site operated by Samson Resources Company. On May 19, Samson reported that a valve on a saltwater disposal well failed, causing brine to spill over into tanks containing oil. Some of the oil and brine breached the containment barriers and escaped from the site, reaching a nearby farm field and shelter belt.

The well is located approximately five miles northwest of Crosby, N.D., in Divide County.

It is estimated that 100 barrels of brine and 140 barrels of oil were released. Ninety barrels of brine have been recovered and 65 barrels of oil have been recovered. Samson is in the process of cleaning the site and is monitoring the site for evidence of stressed vegetation.

A state inspector has been on site and will work with the company on a remediation plan.

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